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Thanks

... to those parents who assisted with this week's Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament.

.. to those who participated in the BoT election ... and especially to those who put their names forward as candidates.

People of the week

... Mrs Watts .. best wishes for the future.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

14 June	Performance by Strike Percussion Group (cost covered by school activity fee)
17 June	Online portfolios open for viewing
20 June	Matariki presentation Hall ... 2:00-3:00
29 June	SCHOOL PHOTOS!!
29 June	KHS presentation ... staffroom 7:00pm
30 June	Huanui Presentation ... Guided Tours from 5pm - 6pm, Presentation from 6pm (@ Huanui)
4/5 July	Parent- Teacher Interviews
7 July	Year 8 HPV vaccination 2
8 July	Final day of term 2
3 Aug	WGHS Presentation 2-3pm in Staffroom

Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2017

It would be helpful to have expressions of interest from out of zoners by 30 June. All placements will be subject to ballot. Happy to answer any questions.

IMPORTANT ... changes to the Kamo Bus ... from last week

Reminder below re the following changes, effective from the beginning of this week. Thank you for your co-operation as we implement these changes.

.. will depart Kamo promptly at 7:40am

... will depart school at the end of the day 4:05pm



Children will travel on a different bus from the usual. The fee remains \$2-00 per journey, tickets are available from the driver, and drop off and pick up points remain unchanged.

If you have any questions please give Helen a call.

40 km speed limit

Please adhere to the new 40 km speed restriction on the portion of Matarau Road adjoining the school.

This is a busy road at this time and children can be unpredictable.



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Reminders from last week

- ... Please continue your work at home on the consideration virtue.
- ... Draft Child Protection Policy. Available from the office on request. Feedback please by 13 June.
- ... Please remind children who have digital devices to bring these with them to school each day. Thanks.
- ... Headlice ... please check weekly
- ... Drink bottles at school each day please

Matariki

Children will shortly be studying Matariki (the Maori New Year). Parents are warmly invited to a presentation in the hall from 2:00 to 3:00pm on Monday 20 June at which classes will share what they have learnt. We hope to see you there.



Junior Paper Mill trip

Each junior class will visit the Paper Mill during weeks 8 and 9. A letter was sent home with junior children today and so please check this for details. The cost of this trip will be met from each child's activity fee. Questions to the classroom teachers please.

Science Fair

Please note that our science fair judging, and subsequent exhibition, have been moved from the end of this term to around week 3 of term 3. This gives students a little more time. We will advise of exact dates when we have these.

Mid-year interviews

Please keep some time free on the afternoons of 4 and 5 July for interviews mid-year interviews. These will be booked online as in earlier years. The access code & letters will follow next week.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 4th and 5th July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

School Contribution and Fees

Those who have not yet paid their school fees or who have opted for term payment will receive an invoice today (sorry for the delay). Please let us know if we can help organise time payment arrangements if that would be preferable.

Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email each week, please email Helen at admin@matarau.school.nz.

Lost Property

Black & Grey Hunting & Fishing jersey (size 8) and Black & White sneakers (size 5). Please check your kids' bags in case accidentally bought home. If found, please return to the Office or Room 10. Thankyou.

School Photo's - Wednesday 29 June 2016

Order forms are being sent home today with all children. Please book online or return your form to the office by Friday 24th June enclosing money. Please note that school hockey & netball team photos will be taken & can be ordered on the reverse of the form - please send your child to school with their hockey or netball uniform on this day, regardless of whether you are ordering a photo. Coaches are invited to be present for the team photo's - would be late morning on the 29th.



Nothing Naughty Bars - Library Books Fundraiser

If you have bars left, or you are not in a position to on-sell these over the weekend, please return to school ON MONDAY. Contact Lisa Ryan on 027 454 3630, if you would like more bars to sell, or extended time to return your current box.

See saw ... digital portfolios

In earlier years parents have received portfolios in advance of mid-year interviews. This year parents will receive access to an on-line digital portfolio containing samples of your child's work, with annotations and or comments by them and their class teacher. Parents will have access to their child's work from 17 June. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to meet with Mr Schuster and Mrs Donaldson in the staff room from 3:15pm on Thursday 23 June. **Technical sheets on how to access your child's digital portfolio will be sent home on 17 June.**

Digital Portfolios .. a bit more!

We like to implement change gradually so that we get things right. Some staff have been experimenting with See Saw for a year or more on a trial basis, while others are learning it now. Accordingly, more digital samples will be available for some children than for others depending on their room, this is to be expected as we transition to this new system and will remedy itself with time. Our special focus this year is writing, all children will have at least three writing samples for you to view (they will be flagged for your convenience in the more substantial portfolios). Please give special attention to these pieces of work.

Board Election Results

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representatives

Rebecca Anderson	80
Mary Finlayson	81
Leroy Lawrence	84
Lisa Tito	88
Jenny Wiegersma	87

Staff Representative

Simon Schuster

I hereby declare the above duly elected as the Board of Trustees of Matarau School.

Helen Dorahy

Returning Officer

Finally

Thank you to those people who put their names forward for election to the board. Your willingness to serve your school and its community has been very much appreciated. A special thank you to out-going members Sharon Smith and Steve Martin who have given conscientious and loyal service to the school over many years. The new board has its first meeting 6:00pm Tuesday 14 June in the staffroom.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trewhella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice.

Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Housekeeper/Gardener wanted. Approx. 3 hours per week. Would suit local person. References required. Call Chris on 027 276 8837 or 433 5099.

School Hols Creative Writing Workshops

Local author, Donna Blaber, is running two inspirational one-day creative writing workshops during the July school holidays for young writers in Years 5, 6 and 7 (aged approximately 8-13 years). The workshops will be held on Thursday 21st July and Friday 22nd July 2016, at Huanui College in Glenbervie, as part of their July School Holiday Programme. The cost per day (9am-3pm) is \$35 per child and spaces are strictly limited to 12. Visit <http://www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html> for further information

School Holiday Programme – Hockey

Year 3 – Year 6 Small Sticks Development Programme Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th JULY 2016 9am – 12noon daily \$15.00 per child per day Goalkeeper coaching on Mon & Tue (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN

Year 7 & Year 8 Small Sticks Development Programme Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd JULY 2016 8.30am – 2pm daily \$40.00 per child (for both days) – players may attend 1 day please email us! Goalkeeper coaching on both days (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN

As I sprawled on the tropical black sandy beach, the clear turquoise sky was misty grey with lots of thin clouds. The charcoal sand felt spikey between my cold toes.

Tumbling ocean waves was the only thing I could hear. I could smell the strong salty air. The wild wind swooped around me like a tornado and the gritty black sand landed in my mouth - it tasted horrible!

Written by Alex - Rm 10